

Church Chat

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From the Pastor's Desk

Last Sunday we held the Called Church Conference to vote on the recommendations of Small Church Initiative Team's Ministry Action Plan. The recommendations were approved with a vote of 33 for and 14 against.

Now we will begin working with a coach to help us discern the way forward for our church. I know that there is a lot of anxiety about this. And from the conversations that I've had the anxiety seems to center on a fear of a loss of control. There seems to be a misconception that this coach is going to come to Palacios and try to create us in the Conference or the coach's image of a church. Or in some way make us be something we aren't. The coach will be here to help us do what we have not already done for ourselves.

In our time with the SCI Team we were asked what should our church look like in three years. Here are our responses: "100 in worship, dynamic youth program, emphasis on Sunday School, mission, racially diverse, a younger congregation." When asked what needed to be changed in our church, here's what we said, "More fellowship opportunities, more youth and children's opportunities, deal with building issues, update our facilities, need for spiritual renewal, spiritual growth, higher level of Bible study, less apathy." These are all elements of a vision we have for this church. The coach will be here to help us take these elements and put them into a vision statement. Then taking our mission statement ("The mission of Palacios UMC is to make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.") along with the vision statement, the coach will help us focus our attention and energy on becoming the church we have said we want to be.

The coach will be here to help us make decisions about how we can be the church we say we want to be. The coach has this information and is coming to assist us in addressing these issues. The coach will not be telling us what to do, simply helping us choose what we want to do to address the issues listed above, determine how we will address them, and who will be accountable for getting them done.

This is our church; it is not the coach's. It is up to each and every one of us to contribute our time, energy, ideas, encouragement, resources, and prayer to do what we have committed to. Regardless of how you voted, this is still your church. I invite each of you to participate in the upcoming events that are all a part of this process of discerning and fulfilling God's dream for this church.

I am so thankful and proud to be your pastor,

David

Youth News

Youth Sunday School—Resumes meeting on Sunday, September 11...see you there!

Announcements

Chancel Choir—The Staff-Parish Relations committee is working to hire a new director for the choir and handbells. Until that happens, the choir will continue to meet at 8:45 on Sunday mornings to rehearse.

Young Children's Sunday School—We now have a young children's Sunday School class! Linda Contreras is using the Play and Pray material for children who are ages 2-5. They meet in the Nursery at 9:00 AM every Sunday.

HELP WANTED—Do you want to see a thriving youth Sunday School class and youth fellowship at Palacios UMC? Want to help make it happen??? Contact Pastor David.

HELP WANTED—We also need another person to be in the small Children's Sunday School and nursery with Linda Contreras.

Cloud Conference—The date for our Cloud Conference is set for Sunday, October 2 at Fannin UMC at 3:00 PM. This is when we gather with the other churches in our "Cloud" to do the business of the churches. The other churches in our Cloud are: Fannin UMC, Seadrift/Austell UMCs, Port Lavaca UMC, Point Comfort/Lolita UMC.

Church Conference—We have to have our own Palacios UMC Church Conference to adopt the Pastor's Compensation for 2017, the Budget for 2017, and the Nominations, as well as receive a report from the United Methodist Women on their activities. The date for this Church Conference is immediately following worship on **Sunday, September 25. Please plan on attending this hopefully short business meeting.**

Walk to Emmaus



Crossroads celebrates every month with a gathering of the community. If you want to know more about Emmaus, or you have been on an Emmaus walk, you are welcome to attend. The September gathering will be a little different, so stay tuned for more information coming!

Wesley Nurse News



Office hours: Tuesdays 9 AM-4 PM, and Thursdays 9 AM-2 PM.

Diaper Pantry—Tuesdays 1-4 PM

- Thursday, September 8, 9 AM-12 PM, Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Screening, HUB
- Thursday, September 22, AM-12 PM, Blood Pressure and Blood Sugar Screening, HUB

If you know someone with Diabetes that has no insurance and needs help with supplies, send them to me.

I still have smoke detectors available for anyone that needs one.

Thank you,

--Leslie Machicek, Wesley Nurse

Children's Sunday School Class Making New Chrismons!

Every year at Christmas we have a beautiful Christmas tree in our Sanctuary. It is decorated with lovely hand-made Chrismons that have significance in our faith. Unfortunately, many of the older ones are in need of repair or replacement. What is a Chrismon? A Chrismon is an ornament made from Christian symbols.

This fall, the **Children's Sunday School class** will be creating new Chrismons, and learning the meaning of the Chrismons we have on our tree. **ANYONE** can come join us, regardless of age! We will have Chrismons available for ALL ages, come help make our Christmas season a special one!



Missions Corner

'Jesus called his disciples to him and said, " I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way. "'
Matthew 15:32

- **Rice is Nice!** For **July, August and September**, we are collecting rice for the Food Pantry. By the end of September, the Pantry would like to put either a 1# or 2# bag of rice in each of their 360 boxes. So, our goal for each month is 120 bags of rice, either 1 or 2 pound. They want regular rice, not Minute Rice or other quick cooking brands. This is quite a challenge as rice is pricier than macaroni and cheese, but let's see if we can do it. Just place your donations in the cardboard box in the Narthex.
- **September Communion Rail Offering** will be donated to the Wesley Community Center in Corpus Christi.
- The **next Missions Work Team meeting** will be on **Monday, September 12th** at 6:00 p.m. All who are interested are invited to attend.

United Methodist Women

Palacios United Methodist Women will start our Fall off with our first meeting on Thursday, **September 15** in Weimer Hall at noon. Come bring your lunch and join in the Fellowship!



On **Saturday, September 24**, Palacios United Methodist Women will co-host with Port Lavaca UMW the **Coastal Bend District Meeting** at Port Lavaca UMC. We are in charge of making desserts, running the registration table and name tags, and collecting money as people arrive. If you'd like to join in this time of worship, learning, and fellowship, contact Thelma Holloway.

Date: Saturday, September 24
Place: Port Lavaca United Methodist Church
Time: 9:30 AM to 2 PM
 Lunch tickets: \$10

Coastal Bend District News



Basic and Advanced Lay Servant Training
 September 23, 24, 2016
 Friday evening and Saturday at Kingsville FUMC

Cost \$25.00 includes book and meal on Saturday

Registration required

Overnight Spiritual Retreat at the Sea Mustang Island Conference Center
 October 21-22, 2016

Cost: \$115 per person (2 people to room) or \$155 single occupancy



Includes room, wonderful meals, snacks, and retreat materials

Registration required

Contact Pastor David or Barney Gulley if you are interested in attending either one of these events.

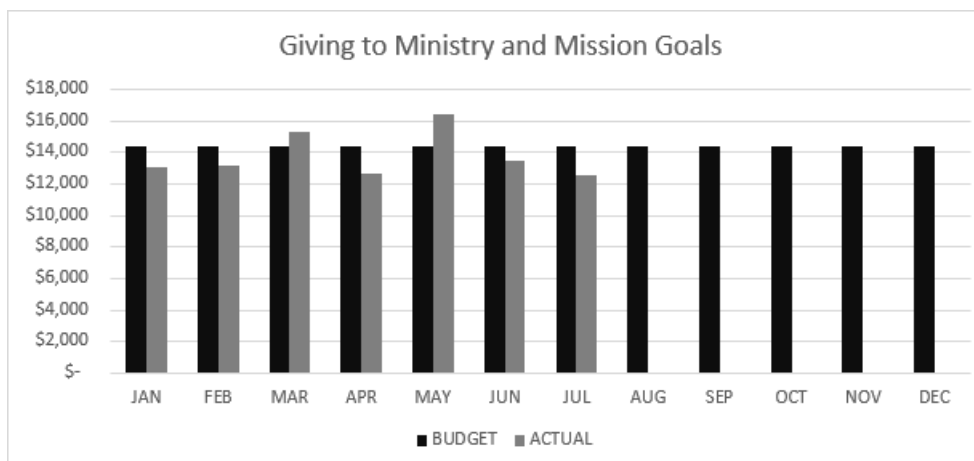
For more information on these events, email: linda@coastalbendumc.org or visit the website <http://www.coastalbendumc.org>

God  
 makes everything
beautiful
 in its time. -Ecclesiastes 3:11
Happy Fall!
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In all things,
 give
thanks
Colossians 3:8

Finance Committee Update

The Finance Committee is pleased to present the church's finances ending July 31, 2016. July was a challenging month as we had unusual expenses in repairs to the rent house and the parsonage. We did not have to use any of our reserves to pay for these expenses. However, the Finance Committee wants the congregation to know that we are needing to make a special appeal to the congregation in order to pay for our commitment towards our Apportionments. We have not been able to keep up our obligations with the monthly giving. We need to raise \$13,900 between now and the end of the year to pay our obligation toward the Apportionments. Please search your hearts and your budgets to help us meet this commitment. If everyone in the church makes an extra commitment the next few months, we can all help the church.



2016		July	YEAR TO DATE	YEAR TO DATE BUDGET
INCOME				
	Offerings and Memorials	\$ 11,760	\$ 89,392	\$ 92,342
	Missional Giving	\$ 292	\$ 2,278	---
	Apportionments	\$ --	\$ 1,525	\$ 2,625
	Rent	\$ 750	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,550
	Oil well	\$ --	\$ 500	\$ 1,167
	Other	\$ 266	\$ 689	\$ 18
	TOTAL	\$ 13,068	\$ 98,384	\$ 100,701
EXPENSES				
	Apportionments	\$ 265	\$ 3,599	\$ 11,433
	Pastor Salary	\$ 4,702	\$ 37,356	\$ 38,253
	Staff Salary	\$ 2,597	\$ 18,471	\$ 18,498
	Operating Expenses	\$ 5,140	\$ 24,733	\$ --
	Program Expenses	\$ 130	\$ 995	\$ 1,108
	Mission	\$ 310	\$ 2,501	\$ -
	Capital Expenses	\$ 2,884	\$ 7,304	\$ 4,783
	TOTAL	\$ 16,028	\$ 97,363	\$ 98,809
	BALANCE	\$ (2,960)	\$ 1,021	\$ 1,892

2016 Administrative Council

The 2016 Administrative Council consists of the following persons:

- Chairperson—Erwin Janszen
- Council Secretary—Janie Gulley
- Lay Leader—Barney Gulley
- SPRC Chair—Leland Singer
- Trustee Chair—Long Han
- Finance Chair—Bill Kubecka
- Church Treasurer—Barney Gulley
- President of UMW—Thelma Holloway
- Youth Representative—Zachary Seaman
- Pastor—Rev. David King
- Nurture Chair—Becky Johnson
- Outreach Chair—Marty Rieck
- Witness Chair—Erwin Janszen
- Lay Delegate to Annual Conference—Janie Gulley

The next meeting will be **Tuesday, September 13**, at 7:00 PM in Weimer Hall.

Church Calendar for September



- 1 Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM
- 4 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost—Communion Sunday
Rev. Bb Allen will lead us in the Service of Healing and Reconciliation
 Communion Rail offering for Wesley Community Center in Corpus Christ
 Scriptures: Mark 5:21-34
 Choir in Sanctuary, 8:45 AM
 Sunday School, 9:00 AM, Worship, 10:00 AM
- 5 LABOR DAY HOLIDAY – Church Office closed
- 8 Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM
 Pastor David in Three Rivers for District Pastors' meeting
- 9-10 Pastor David in Kingsville for Membership to Discipleship
 Coaches training
- 14 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Scriptures: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14;
 1 Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10
 Men's Breakfast at Trinity Baptist, 7:30 AM
 Choir in Sanctuary, 8:45 AM
 Sunday School, 9:00 AM; Worship, 10:00 AM
 Communion after Worship
- 12 Trustees Meeting in Weimer Hall, 6:00 PM
 Missions Work Team in Parlor, 6:00 PM
 Staff-Parish Relations Committee in the Parlor, 7:00 PM
- 13 Finance Committee in Weimer Hall, 6:00 PM
 Administrative Council in Weimer Hall, 7:00 PM
- 15 Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM
 United Methodist Women in Weimer Hall, Noon
- 16-17 Pastor David in Calallen for Membership to Discipleship
 Coaches training
- 18 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Scriptures: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9 or Psalm 4;
 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13
 Choir in Sanctuary, 8:45 AM
 Sunday School 9:00 AM, Worship, 10:00 AM
 Communion after Worship
- 22 Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM
 Palacios Community Medical Center Box Supper Fundraiser
- 23-24 Basic and Advanced Lay Servant Training, Kingsville
- 25 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Scriptures: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16;
 1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31
 Choir in Sanctuary, 8:45 AM
 Sunday School, 9:00 AM, Worship, 10:00 AM
 No Communion after Worship
 Palacios UMC Church Conference following Worship
- 29 Ladies Bible Study, Weimer Hall, 10:00 AM

Dates on the Horizon to Remember

- October 2, Communion Sunday, Rail offering for CROP Walk
- October 2, Cloud Conference at Fannin UMC, 3:00 PM
- October 9, Men's Breakfast at First Baptist Church
- October 9, Fellowship Luncheon following Worship
- October 11, Finance Committee and Administrative Council Meetings
- October 20, United Methodist Women, Noon
- October 30, Josh Harper Preaching
- November 1, All Saints Day
- November 6, All Saints Sunday, Daylight Savings Time ends, Communion Sunday; Communion Rail offering for National Society of St. Andrew
- November 8, Finance Committee and Administrative Council meetings
- November 11, Veterans Day
- November 13, Men's Breakfast at First Presbyterian Church
- November 17, United Methodist Women
- November 18, Crossroads Emmaus Gathering at Salem Luther Church in Port Lavaca
- November 20, Hanging of the Crismons during Worship
- November 20, Decorate the Sanctuary for Advent and Christmas after Worship
- November 24, Thanksgiving Day, Church Office closed
- November 27, First Sunday of Advent
- December 4, Communion Sunday, Rail offering for Wings of the Morning mission

Celebrations in September

Birthdays:

2—Miss Murphy; 4—Bill Law; 5—Lee Schuetz; 6—Rosie Jewell; 8—John Turner;
 10—Brittany Werner; 16—Cathy McCauley; 18—Pat Jewell; 20—Ty Kubecka;
 22—Stuart Johnson, Linda Curtis; 23—Margie Griffin; 29—Betty Janszen; 30—Bailey Kubecka



Joys and Concerns

We pray for those in our community who need a healing hand, who are dealing with chronic or terminal illness.

We pray for those in our community dealing with death, grief, and loss, that God will walk faithfully by their side during this time.

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Assisting with Worship in September

Liturgist—Janie Gulley

Greeters—_____ and _____

Ushers—Myra Brhlik and Bill Miller

Can you help out in September by being a **Greeter**, even if for one Sunday? Thanks!

Newsletter Distribution

Do you know someone who needs to be on the mailing list or email distribution list to receive the newsletter? If you receive the newsletter by mail, would you consider switching to email distribution? This would let us save a few trees and a little money in postage. Please contact Janie Gulley at 361-972-3185 or janiegulley@hotmail.com to update our distribution lists.

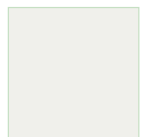
Newsletter Articles for October

If you have an article or announcement for the October newsletter, please get the information to Janie Gulley **by September 29** at 972-3185 or janiegulley@hotmail.com.

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